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SUBJ: POSSIBLE NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US OIL COMPANIES AND VENEZUELA

I CHANCED TO SEE RAMSEY OVER THE WEEKEND AND HE REPORTED BRIEFLY ON HIS VISIT TO CORAL GABLES, SAYING THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, GO INTO SPECIFICS BUT DROPPED CRYPTIC REMARK THAT HIS FEAR WAS THAT POSSIBLY "THEIR OFFER MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH." HE CONFIRMED MY IMPRESSION THAT FORMULA OF "BIENG PAID IN OIL" HAD BEEN INSPIRED BY RECENT NEOGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SHAH OF IRAN AND FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES THERE. RAMSEY CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE HOPED US COMPANIES OPERATING IN VENEZUELA WOULD HAVE A FIRM AND CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION TO SUGGEST TO GOV AFTER THE DECEMBER ELECTIONS. AMONG OTHER THINGS HE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY THAT COMPANIES MIGHT ALSO "THROW IN CONCESSIONS WHICH EXPIRE IN 1994."

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